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Docket No. 290.0042 0101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Riya SHI et al.)
Serial No.: 09/438,206)
Confirmation No.: 9018)
Filed: 12 November 1999)
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING MAMMALIAN
SPINAL CORD INJURIES)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed August 15, 2002, has been received and carefully reviewed. Entry of the following amendment, together with consideration of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 22 and 38, and add new claim 45. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

DI 22. (Amended) A method of treating a mammalian patient having suffered an injury to its spinal cord, said method comprising contacting the injured spinal cord after the injury but within a period no greater than about 24 hours after said injury with a C₁-C₁₀ polyalkylene glycol in an amount effective to restore nerve impulse conduction through said injured spinal cord.

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